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(c) With the discontinuance of recruitment to the Indian Educational Service the posts falling vacant in that cadre were held in abeyance and posts in the Madras Educational Service created instead, and to these direct recruitment was sometimes necessary to maintain standards and efficiency.

Local Boards

Alleged minute of dissent to the Chingleput District Board proceedings on 31st January 1929.

*2002 Q.—Mr. C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government are in receipt of the minute of dissent by certain members of the Chingleput District Board to the proceedings of the Board on the 31st January 1929;

(b) whether the Government will place the minute of dissent on the table; and

(c) what action the Government have taken on the minute of dissent?

A.—(a) The hon. Member is presumably referring to the minute of dissent sent in by certain members of the Board relating to the legal action proposed to be taken against Rao Bahadur J. Chelvaranga Raju in respect of his articles in the *Hindu* on the damage caused to the Moir causeway at Uthukota.

(b) A copy [a] is placed on the table of the House.

(c) No action was considered necessary on the minute, as the Board was competent to decide on the action proposed.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I ask whether, in view of the fact that the majority in the District Board want to stifle the opinion of the minority on that board, the Government will not interfere and take the necessary action ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I do not think there is any necessity for the Government to interfere."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether the Government will allow these district boards to so manage their affairs as not to have any minority opinion there ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" There is no suppression of minority opinion at all."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" May I know whether when a majority takes it into its head to accuse for expressing a different opinion from theirs, the Government will not interfere ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" It is not a question of opinion expressed. It is about a question of an article published in the 'Hindu'."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—" Does the Government think that it is not open to any member to criticise the action of the majority in the press ? "

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Criticism is subject to the law of the land."

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Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"What is the law of the land, may I know?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I cannot go into that now."

Alleged misappropriation of Pithapuram Taluk Board properties.

*2003 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether criminal complaints were filed against the President of the Taluk Board, Pithapuram, for misappropriation of Board properties, etc.;
(b) whether the cases were withdrawn by the Public Prosecutor;
(c) if so, why; and
(d) whether any, and if so, what action is going to be taken by the Government in this matter?

A.—(a) Two members of the Pithapuram Taluk Board brought to the notice of the Government that the President, Taluk Board, Pithapuram, who was also Tanedar of the Pithapuram Estate, had credited certain taluk board revenues to the Pithapuram Estate and that two criminal complaints had been filed against the President before the Second-class Magistrate, Pithapuram. The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenues did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*.

(b) & (c) The Government have no information.

(d) The Government do not propose to take any further action in the matter.

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"May I know who made this enquiry?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"Which enquiry, Sir?"

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"With reference to clauses (b) and (c) the Government say that they have no information. But in reply to clause (a) they say: "The Government have made enquiries and they understand that the revenue did not belong to the Taluk Board and that the action of the President was *bona fide*." May I know whether in the course of that enquiry they did not come across or stumble upon what happens in the law courts?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"No, Sir."

Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI :—"Who made this enquiry about misappropriation, Sir."

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"I think it is the President of the District Board."

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of endowments by Tanjore Rajas.

*2004 Q.—Mr. T. ADINARAYANA CHETTIYAR : Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that on a complaint made that the Tanjore District Board has not been properly administering the Tanjore Raja's